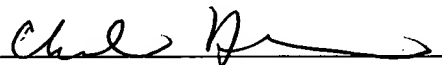


Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction requirement since it is deemed that there is a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 since there has been no restriction required in the PCT application and therefore, all of the claims should be examined in the same application. The U.S. Patent Office is to treat the 371 of a PCT application in the same fashion as the PCT application is treated. This means that all of the claims should be examined together.

However, in order to be fully responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect with traverse the compositions of claims 12 to 14 which is indicated as group IV in the office action. However, it is requested that all of the claims be examined together.

Since the first office action was merely a restriction requirement, a prompt examination on the merits is requested.

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